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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Eight Co-operative Motor Transport Societies intended for ex-servicemen and one Co-operative Motor Transport Society intended for civilians undertake bus transport."

(An hon. Member stood up in his seat to put a supplementary question.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will have to cover the rest of the questions in another five minutes. I pass on to the next question."

Metalling of village roads in Pudukkottai

* 805 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the policy of giving priority to the metalling of village roads where the population of the village is over 500 and where the roads lie within a distance of 2 miles from the nearest main road, has been implemented in Pudukkottai division for works executed under aid from the Central Road Fund?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no such policy as is referred to in the question. Certain works of metalling village roads in the Pudukkottai division of Tiruchirappalli district were sanctioned as a measure of unemployment relief."

Afforestation work in Pudukkottai

* 806 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether assessed waste lands in Survey Nos. 172, 173, 180, 197-2 and 201-A, totalling 80 acres adjacent to Sundarapatti village in Palavayal vattam of Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, were under the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State;

(*b*) whether these lands were assigned to anyone by the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State Government;

(*c*) if so, when and to whom;

(*d*) whether the Forest department officials of Tiruchirappalli district took over these plots of lands for forest regeneration work;

(*e*) when they did so, and the expenditure on their afforestation so far;

(*f*) whether Sundarapatti villagers have appealed to the Sub-Collector, Pudukkottai and Collector of Tiruchirappalli against this taking over of the lands by the Forest department officials; and

(*g*) if so, the action taken by the authorities on the petitions to safeguard the communal needs of the Sundarapatti villagers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No.